

2005 FOREIGN SERVICE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

1. Examination Date:

We are pleased to announce that the FSWE will be administered on April 23, 2005. This will be the only administration of the exam in 2005.

2. Eligibility Requirements:

To take the examination and to enter the Foreign Service you must:

- be a US citizen,
- be 20 years of age and no older than 59 on the date of the exam and 21 to be appointed and must be appointed to the Foreign Service prior to the month in which a candidate reaches age 60.
- be available for worldwide assignment,
- not have been previously separated from the Foreign Service for retirement, expiration of time in class, retirement based on relative performance or separation for cause.

3. Test Locations and Registration Materials:

The FSWE will be offered in approximately 200 locations nationwide and at most of the 260 Foreign Service posts.

Registration materials will be available on the Department's website: www.careers.state.gov.

Applicants will again be able to register electronically directly on the internet.

Registration booklets will also be available for those without internet access.

Candidates are encouraged to go to www.careers.state.gov to download a suggested bibliography that can be used to prepare for the 2005 exam.

Potential exam takers should not write to the Department for registration information.

Please visit www.careers.state.gov.

4. Deadlines:

Applications for the April 23 exam must be received by March 16, 2005 for foreign test sites, and March 23, 2005 for domestic test sites.